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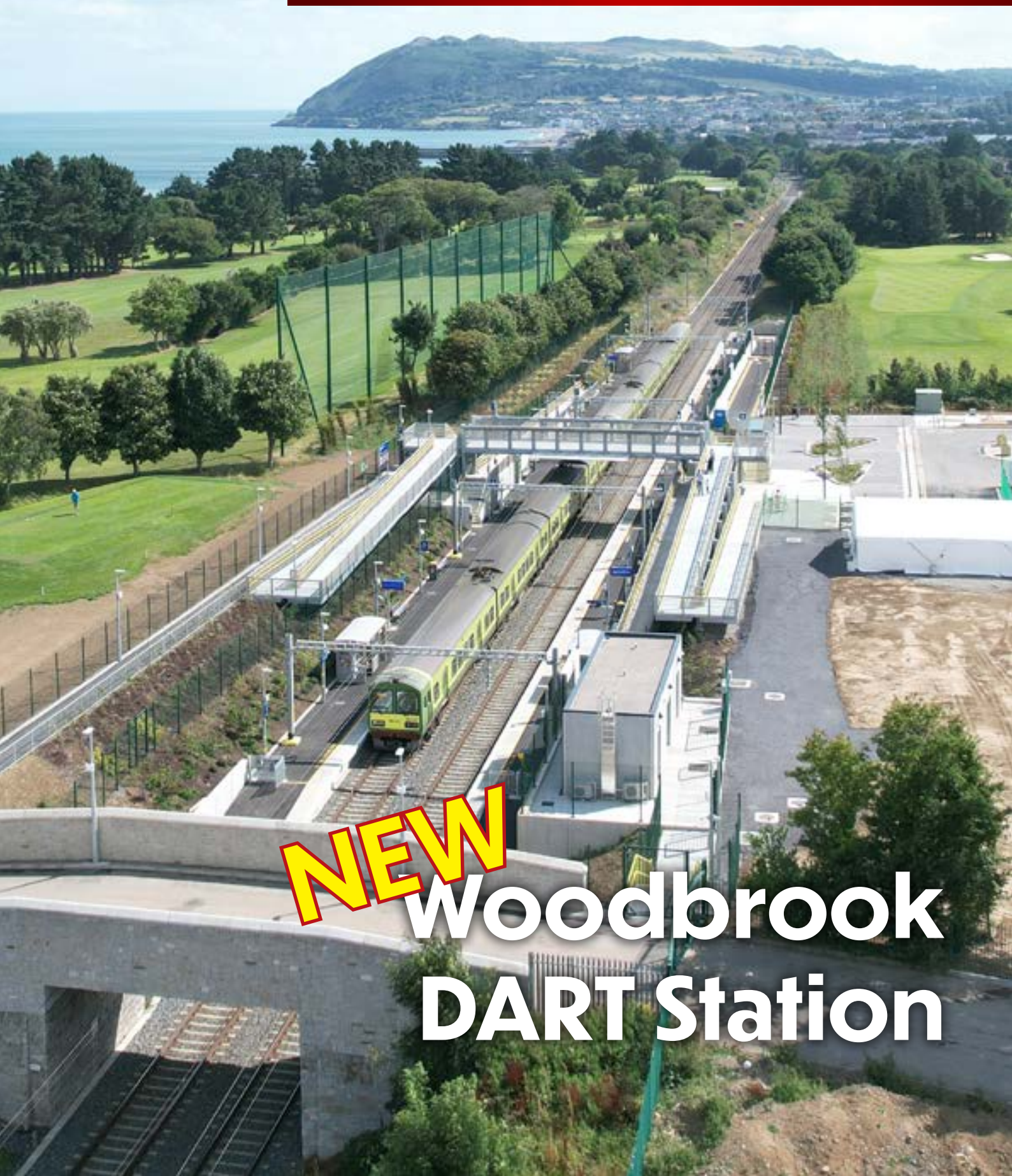

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EDITORIAL

Memories of balmy days at home or holidays abroad may be fading but we are still here, as always, to entertain and inform you. Irish language enthusiasts may like to read Bríd Brien's short piece about Torrevieja in Spain. Bethany Support group has some timely information for any adult who has lost someone close to them. This could be a family member, neighbour, friend, colleague, teammate or even a pet. Congratulations to Shankill Day Care Centre (S0FA) on being announced recently as county finalists in the National Lottery Good Causes Award 2025 in the prestigious Community category.

Congratulations are also due to Shankill Bowling club member, Ms Martina Doherty who won the Irish Lawn Bowling National Singles title from countrywide entries, defeating Ms Orla Van De Zann of Crumlin Bowling Club in the Ladies Junior Singles final. Martina is also President of Shankill Bowling Club currently. Lastly, our September cover photo features the new DART station which opened recently at Woodbrook (between Bray and Shankill stations). This will greatly facilitate residents of both Woodbrook and Shanganagh Castle estates and be an asset to the local area. It is hoped that the provision of the station will further contribute towards the reduction of reliance on the private car and also assist Ireland in reaching its climate action targets, according to Iarnród Éireann News (4 August 2025).

LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 3646067** or email ***listeningear14@gmail.com*** and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

SHANKILL HEALTH CENTRE

Following on from our successful Monthly Patient Information Sessions in Shankill Health Centre; we are continuing for the remainder of the year with the topics below. All welcome to attend:

2/09/2025	**Future Planning - Assisted Decision Making**
7/10/2025	**Community Nursing - Service Pathways and Q&A**
4/11/2025	**Exercise to Thrive in the Golden Years** *(Bring your Trainers)* **- Dr John Langan**
2/12/2025	**Dietician - Reversing Frailty**

Venue: Shankill Health Centre, Lower Road, Shankill, D18 DW08
Time: 13:00 to 13:45

SHANKILL DAY CARE CENTRE BOOK SALE

The next book sale will be held on Saturday 6th September and the following one on Saturday October 4th. Venue: Shankill Day Care Centre, Lower Road, Shankill.

Donations of books in good condition are welcome on the day (limited to two bags per person). All proceeds go to support the Centre's programmes and services.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies on our Community Employment Project. The positions are for:

- **Office Administration**
- **Caretaking**
- **Cleaning Staff**

The vacancies are in Shankill Bowling Club and St Annes Resource Centre.

If you are interested and eligible for Community employment, please contact Melissa Tobin on 01 2822704 or call into the Resource Centre *(which is situated in the grounds of St. Anne's Church, Shankill)*

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Anne's Resource Centre Shankill

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.

We have a drop-in service on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call the **01 282 2704** to arrange.

CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Shankill Seniors Centre (SOFA), Lower Road, Shankill. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th September followed by one on Wednesday 8th October.
Venue: Shankill Day Care Centre, Lower Road, Shankill.
Time: 7.45 p.m.

Come along and enjoy some lovely music and a cuppa and chat.

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AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

SHANKILL LIBRARY

Due to essential improvement works in Shankill Library, there will be disruption to some of our services. Some regular events are postponed from Monday 11th August to Thursday 4th September inclusive. These include the Parent and Toddler Group, Craft Circle and Lego Group. There may be some disruption beyond these dates so please bear with us. We aim to remain open and provide our core services.

Please check our website for regular updates :
https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/

Bethany Bereavement Support

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are a voluntary parish based organisation who aim to support all bereaved adults through the grieving process.

If you have lost a loved one recently or many years ago – you are warmly invited to join us for a complimentary cuppa and a chat with others who understand your grief. Lead by trained volunteer listeners with a lived experience of loss, we provide a safe non-judgemental space of support, social connection and shared understanding.

We offer a warm welcoming atmosphere for those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. Our service is not just a place to sip a cuppa, it is a place where stories are shared, tears are shed, friendships are forged. We recognise and acknowledge that grief touches us all uniquely.

The grief we experience when we lose a loved one can be all-consuming. The world as we know it has been shattered, causing us to be gripped with overwhelming emotions, such as shock, denial, anger, confusion, despair, and sadness. Whether the loss was sudden or the result of a prolonged illness, and takes a loved one from us, it can be difficult to know how to respond. Even though we are powerless to bring our loved ones back, we still have the ability to give their loss meaning.

If you have lost a family member, neighbour, friend, colleague or a teammate, you are very welcome to come and join us, where you can take some time for yourself. You might like to share some memories of your loved one, maybe share some coping strategies or simply be in company of others who truly understand. Talking about your experience can be very helpful for your grief process. While we never truly get over our losses, we can get to a place where living with our grief is bearable. Life can be fulfilling and joyful again.

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A Summer of Summer Camps
What a year we had with our two summer camps and Cúl camp back in our original home of Shanganagh Park. The weather was kind, all the children enjoyed themselves with plenty of fun and games. Our thanks to McCartan's Pharmacy who sponsored our two summer camps. Also, a big thank you to Gemma, Wayne, and staff of Tilly's for all the lovely coffee and hot chocolates who kept our young camp coaches going during the weeks and to our GPO Steve who organised the camps.

Caman2Leinster Games
Our 2013's team participated for the first time in the Camogie Caman2Leinster games which were played in Netwatch Dr Cullen Park Carlow. The girls were in sparkling form winning their three games against teams from Kildare, Offaly, and Wexford. Fantastic result. Well done girls and coaches.

Congratulations Tara
Well done to Tara from our 2010 camogie team who togged out with the Dublin team in their match against Wexford. By all accounts she put in a brilliant performance. Great stuff.

Good luck Meghan
Club legend Meghan Kane and boy friend Tiernan Lane are taking time out to travel down under to Australia. Meghan has been playing for Shankill GAA Club since 2018 and was a huge driving force in our adult lady's football team. Also, she was a very valued coach to the Shankill All Stars group on Saturday mornings. God speed, stay safe enjoy your adventures, looking forward to seeing you on your return next year.

The Academy
Because our pitch at Stonebridge Road will out of commission for some considerable time the Academy has moved to the open space beside Scoil Mhuire. The Academy meets at 10.00am on Saturdays and is for both boys and girls aged 4 to 6 years. Coaches Tim and Steve and all the usual gang will be there to meet you. Junior infants starting school are very welcome. Just call in and say hello.

Down at the Cliffs
With our Stonebridge Road pitch out of action, the Cliffs pitch is coming under a lot of pressure. However, there was time for our under 12 boys and girls to play against each other in an end of season game of fun and laughter.

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Shankill Tennis Club

It's been a fantastic summer so far at Shankill Tennis Club, and we're thrilled to see our community enjoying the sunshine on our courts. From tennis to padel and pickleball, the club is buzzing with energy and activity!

Our brand new padel and pickleball courts have been a tremendous success, offering exciting new ways to stay active and have fun. These additions have brought fresh faces to the club and created an amazing atmosphere. If you haven't tried them yet, now's the time. Everyone is welcome to book an hour using our new facilities online by making a guest account on our website. Rackets and balls are available to rent in the office.

As a result of this increased interest and engagement, membership at Shankill Tennis Club is nearing full capacity. We're delighted to share that we now have almost 900 active members, making us one of the most thriving local clubs in the area.

If you are looking to play a bit of tennis we have lots of social events in the club for members but also non-members. Our Wednesday evening mixed doubles, Saturdays Ladies morning and Sunday Men's Morning are open to all.

All are welcome to come down and visit the facilities and for more information or membership enquiries please visit ***www.shankilltennisclub.com.***

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What an incredible two weeks it's been watching all of you in the Shankill FC Champions League sponsored by Brady's Of Shankill. We want to extend a massive thank you to every single boy and girl who participated. Your passion, dedication, and sportsmanship truly made this year's tournament unforgettable.

From the first whistle to the final cheer, you brought so much energy and excitement to the pitch. We saw fantastic goals, brilliant saves, incredible teamwork, and countless moments of pure sporting joy. Whether you were celebrating a win or learning from a tough match, your positive attitudes and commitment were an absolute credit to yourselves and your teams.

We hope you had an amazing time, made new friends, and created some lasting memories. We're already looking forward to next year's tournament and seeing you all back on the field. Also a special mention to our volunteers, coaches and referees who did a tremendous job for the 2 weeks. Also thank you to all our sponsors involved in this years tournament.

Thank you again for making the Shankill FC Champions League a resounding success.

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Another Brilliant Shamrock Rovers Summer Camp hosted By Shankill FC for over 150+ Boys & Girls this year was held in Shanganagh Park. Lots of great fun, football, skills shown and time spent with friends new and old was had by all. Thank you to Eoghan O Meara, SRFC Development Coach and the rest of the coaches for all their hard work looking after all the children and ensuring all the kids enjoyed themselves. A special thanks to all of the boys and girls for attending the camp and of course to all of the parents / guardians for all of your amazing support.

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Shankill Bowling Club

by Jack Byrne P.R.O.

Always a busy time for bowling clubs from August right through to Mid October with National competitions moving to their final stages, and club in-house competitions coming close behind, followed by the wrapping up of the various league competitions it's an exciting time for some. For others, well it's a time for reflection on team performance throughout the season. It provides the opportunity perhaps to rectify things and to try out new ideas in the upcoming Winter leagues. It all helps in team building for a new season of competition in late Spring.

ILB President, Mr.Hackett presents the McKeown Cup to Martina.

It has been a good year on the national scene with entries into most competitions, all junior competitions of course. It is down to the individuals themselves to compete as club representatives and enter in the various sections such as Rinks, (4) players, Pairs, Triples, Singles. This is open to all bowling clubs within the Republic and we are delighted to say that Shankill Bowling club member, Ms. Martina Doherty won the National Singles title from countrywide entries defeating Ms Orla Van Dee Zann of Crumlin Bowling Club in the Ladies Junior Singles final. This was a marvellous achievement for Martina. Irish Lawn Bowls President, Mr. John Hackett, presented the McKeon Cup to Martina. For pairs Gerry and Colin, valued members of our club, reaching the semi-final was a gallant effort on their part and while there was no progress by our other members in the Rinks and Trips sections, our club appreciate very much their taking part. All we can offer in the way of continued encouragement to all is that it may be their turn to progress further next year.

The executive would like to take this opportunity to welcome intending members to our club and to inform those joining us here at Quinn's Road that we provide help with the basics of this fine sport in the form of introductory coaching sessions by our Assistant Coach, Mr. E. Fury, who is willing to help you get started at Shankill Bowling Club.

It's almost time again to harness lots of enthusiasm for our indoor bowling section and prepare for entry into the East Coast bowling league. In the past two seasons, Shankill shortmat bowling section finished their league campaigns challenging for honours in the Wicklow/Wexford based league and also fared very well in their individual championship efforts within the counties. They collected honours such as 'Singles' runner-up 2025/26, Taylor Shield winners (pairs) 2024, League runners-up '25/'26 and last but not least, the top team competition " The Millennium Cup". It all makes Shankill Bowling Club's shortmat indoor section a team to be noticed.

Shankill Bowling Club is urgently seeking a caretaker/ handyman five morning per week 9am-1pm. To be elibible for this position the person must be regiserd on the CE Scheme or receiving welfare benefits.

Contact SBC 086 8642439 or Melissa Tobin (St. Anne's Resource Centre) 01 2822704.

South Shankill Residents Association [SSRA]

Important notice of an
Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)
of the **South Shankill Residents Association** (SSRA)
Date: **Wednesday 10th September 2025**
Time: **7.30 pm**
Meeting Location: **Shankill Bowling Club**
(See footer for SSRA catchment area details)

SSRA hold a long-term lease for the disused Shanganagh Junction site on Quinns Road. The lease was granted to SSRA by Traditional Homes several decades ago. The lease states that the site is to be used as a community resource/ facility. SSRA were informed that if not put to use asap the site may be subject to Vacant Site Tax (7% of the market value of the site).

SSRA and Shankill Old Folks Association (SOFA) /Shankill Day Care Centre held several discussions to explore the possibility of the site being used to construct a state-of-the-art modern Senior Citizens Day Care facility, including active retirement and other community initiatives. SOFA kindly presented their proposal at the SSRA AGM held on May 28th 2025.

For the EGM the SSRA Committee asks ***(paid up)*** members ***(only one vote per household)*** to come along and cast your vote in ***person*** on Wed. 10th Sept. in relation to SOFA's proposal to use the site for this purpose. Construction of such a facility would be subject to the usual planning permission regulations at DLR County Council. If SOFA's planning application is successful, they will put together a project management working group to actively seek funding to construct a facility cognisant of the local environment and nearby residences. It is envisaged this will take several years to progress.

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Aubrey Grove & Aubrey Apartments: No Representative – Volunteers Welcome | Cherrington Road: Rep. Dermot Aughney | Foxes Grove: Rep. Tanya Tiernan | Shanganagh Grove: Reps. Anna Whelan (Chair) & amp; Bernie Meagher (PRO) | St. Annes Par: No Representative – Volunteers Welcome | Shrewsbury Road & amp; Hall: Rep. Donal Quinlan & amp; Treasurer | Quinns Road: Rep. Alison Kirwan & amp; Secretary | **Email: theSSRA1@gmail.com**

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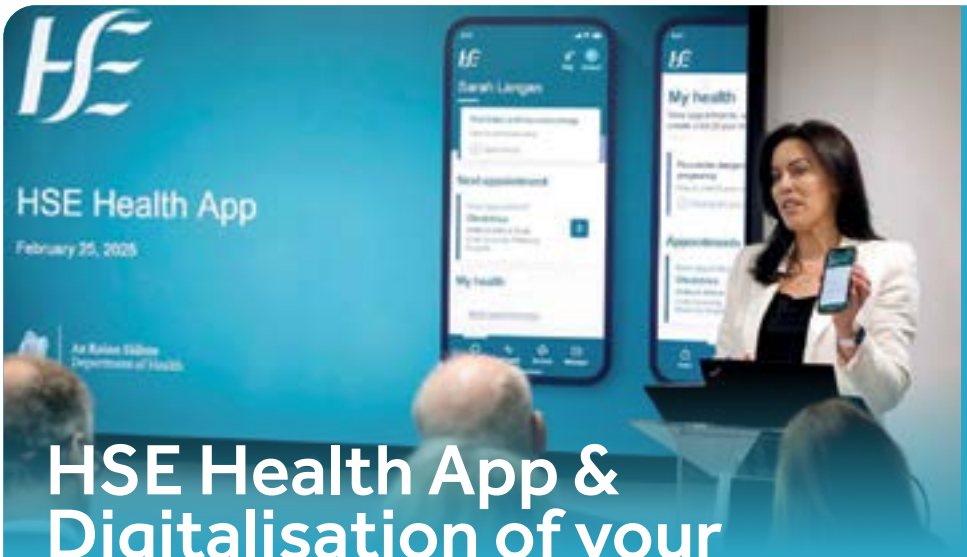

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Auto-enrolment is a retirement savings system that aims to ensure every worker has access to funds that support them in retirement. Here are the five main things you need to know, as an employee:

Auto-enrolment will be called 'My Future Fund' and run by a new Government body, the National Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings Authority (NAERSA).

All employees aged between 23 and 60, earning over €20,000 per annum and not currently contributing to a workplace pension via their payroll, will be enrolled into My Future Fund. Each employee, their employer and the government will contribute to an auto-enrolment fund.

Auto-enrolment does not apply to self-employed.

The planned launch date is 1st January 2026.
It's generally considered more beneficial to join your company's existing pension plan, if they have one in place, rather than relying solely on the auto-enrolment plan. However, deciding whether you should start a pension now or wait for AE will depend on your own individual circumstances.

Here are a few examples:
If you don't want to start a pension, you can wait for AE and then opt out or suspend your contributions.

If as an employee you are on a low income and want to keep pension contributions to a minimum initially as you get started, then maybe AE is a viable option for you.

For any other employee, you may benefit more from an occupational pension, Personal Retirement Savings Account (PRSA) or other pension arrangement. This is especially the case if you are in the 40% income tax bracket, your pension contribution is already more beneficial than the State's contribution to an AE pension, which when converted to a tax benefit would equal 25%.

Local History Society Lectures

by James Scannell

Dublin City Libraries – Cabra Library
Jim Kelly will present ***'Cabra and Sport 1930s to 2020s'*** at 6.30 p.m. on Monday September 1st in Cabra Library, Dublin 7. Admission is free but booking is required via **https://dublincity.spydus.ie/cgi- bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=20725013.**

The Old Dublin Society
Noel Carolan will recall ***'The 1925 Food Crisis'*** on Wednesday September 10th and Eamon Delaney ***'The Old Tenements and the New Suburbs'*** on Wednesday September 24th. Both take place at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome – admission is free and no booking is required.

Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society
Monsignor Ciarán O'Carroll will present ***'The Irish College in Rome***' at 8 p.m. on Thursday September 11th in St. Lawrence's Parish Centre, Lower Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. Members are free – visitors are €3. Please note that there is a car parking charge of €1 per hour at this venue – coin payment only.

Foxrock Local History Club
Rob Goodbody will present ***'Shankill in 1837 – People, Houses and Events'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday September 16th in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin
All are welcome - admission is €5.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
Philip Lecane will recall ***'The Royal Fusiliers and the Assault on Gallipoli'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday September 17th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5. Free hotel parking is available for those attending this lecture.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
Rosaleen Durkin will recall ***'The Wells of Wicklow'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday September 18th in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome – admission is €8 for non-members.

Balbriggan and District Historical Society
Caroline McFadden will present ***'From Rope Walk to Bowhill – a history of rugby in Balbriggan'*** at 8 p.m. on September 24th in the Bracken Court Hotel, 3A Bridge Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is free for members and €5 for non-members.

The Irish Railway Record Society
A representative from the Commission for Irish Railway Regulation will speak on ***'The Commission for Irish Railway Regulation'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday September 25th in the Society's Dublin Heuston Station premises. Members and their guests only.

Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society
Rory O'Farrell will reveal ***'Fashion at the time of Jane Austen'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday September 25th in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members free / visitors €5 – The Swan Car Park Evening Rate is €4 from 7 p.m. to Midnight

The Edward Worth Library
Dr. Jason McElligott will recall ***'Of her Charity: The Visual and Material Legacy of Grizelda Steevens'*** at 3 p.m. on Friday September 26th in the Edward Worth Library, Dr. Steeven's Hospital, Dublin 8. Admission is free but booking is essential – email: **info@edwardworthlibrary.ie.**

Clondalkin Historical Society
Eamon Delaney will present ***'Dublin World War 1'*** at 8 p.m. on Monday September 29th in Áras Chrónáin – Irish Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €5.

Shankill – Looking Back

A local candidate for the 1925 Seanad Election
In 1925 the Government decided to hold an election to fill 19 seats in the 60 seat Seanad by a national election. Polling Day was Thursday September 17th with 76 candidates on the ballot paper which was 22 inches in length, 16 inches wide, and candidates listed alphabetically in 4 columns. Rather than canvassing the electorate directly, many candidates used the national press to elicit support, one of whom was solicitor John Garvey, Loughlinstown House, Shankill, who stated in the 'Evening Herald':- 'I appeal to the Electors to support my candidature for [the] Senate. I have not resorted to any personal canvass, and simply left my name before the Electors as one of the Candidates nominated by the Dáil. My sole effort, if elected, will be to help my country, to confirm the peace and order which we are now enjoying, and to bring about prosperity to our land. I am specially anxious to see decent housing accommodation and moderate rents for artisans and the labouring classes, and shall, so far as my vote and influence go, support the friendly societies and private enterprise moving in this direction.'

The quota was 15,286 votes but no-one was elected on the first count. As the Single Transferable Vote was used, there were 65 counts before all the seats were filled. The first candidate was not elected until October 5th even though the sorting and counting of the ballot papers started on the day after the election with the counting not completed until October 19th when the final result was declared.

John Garvey received 2799 First Preference Votes but was eliminated on the 38th count.

Publications

Journal of the Irish Railway Record Society, Vol. 31, June 2025, No. 217
Articles featured in the Society's latest journal include 'Pianos, Gas Lights and Chamber Pots – The Great Southern & Western Railway's Killarney Hotels at the turn of the 20th Century' by Tim Moriarty, 'The Wexford Opera Train 1956-2007' by Louis Cullen, 'Burtonport to Baltimore by train in 1939' by Brendan O'Donovan, 'A Shocking Experience on the Hill of Howth in 1949!' by Norman Gamble, 'Going North in 1959' by Michael H. C. Baker, 'Society News', 'Observations and Comments', 'Publications' and 'Irish Railway News.' Details of how to become a member of the Society will be found on its web-site at **www.irrs.ie.**

Rathmichael Historical Society

by Richard Ryan

After a very busy outings programme from April to June which focused on the Boyne Valley, and a well-attended Summer Lecture Series which also had the Boyne Valley as its theme, the Society will now switch to its regular Autumn/Winter lecture programme:

Our **normal lecture** programme resumes in October:

- Wednesday, 1st Oct: Monasticism in Ireland by *Edel Bhreathnach*
- Wednesday, 5th Nov: A Photographic Career in Ruins *by Con Brogan*
- Wednesday, 3rd Dec: Rock Art *by Finola Finlay*
- Wednesday, 7th January: Jacobean Armies *by Harman Murtagh.*
- Wednesday, 4th February: AGM followed by lecture *(title to be decided).*

All talks are at 8pm in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co.Dublin and are free to paid-up members. Wheel-chair accessible. Non-members are welcome to attend our talks on payment of a €5 entrance fee (which includes tea/ coffee).

The talks are also accessible on Zoom. See website for further information: ***www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie***

Torrevieja – *Bríd Brien*

Is baile cósta é Torrevieja atá suite ó dheas d'Alicante in oirthear na Spáinne. Thar na blianta, mheall a aeráid mheasartha agus a thránna áille na turasóirí, ach cuireann an t-athrú aeráide isteach go mór ar an timpeallacht anois. Bíonn an geimhreadh níos fuaire agus an samhradh níos teo. Bíonn níos mó toirneach agus scáileanna tintrí ann.

I ndiaidh na paindéime, d'éirigh an costas maireachtála. Tá oráiste Spáinneach in Éirinn níos saoire ná oráiste sa Spáinn, ach tá pionta in Éirinn níos costasaí fós.

Chomh maith le sin, tá sé thar a bheith costasach do theaghlach dul amach chuig bialann. Is iad na tithe tabhairne Éireannacha agus na bialanna Indiacha na háiteanna is costasaí ar fad. Is maith go bhfuil na bialanna Spáinneacha agus na bialanna Síneacha níos saoire.

Ar an iomlán, níl rudaí chomh dona sin. Tá cladach bríomhar gnóthach ann chun coisithe a athchóiriú timpeall a mhuiríne. Céim mhór dul chun cinn í seo agus céim thábhachtach a mheallfaidh níos mó airgid isteach sa cheantar. Tá mé ag dul go Torrevieja le breis agus fiche bliain agus tá mé chomh meallta anois is a bhí mé ariamh leis.

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Enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year.
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Spórt

Bhuaigh na buachaillí Craobh na hÉireann Sacar cúigéar an taobh san Aviva i mí Mheithimh.

Bhí an bua ag na cailíní sna comórtais camógaíochta anuraidh agus peil ghaelacha Roinn 1 i gContae Chill Mhantáin le dhá bhliain anuas.

Bhí painéal de 30 páiste roghnaithe againn chun dul go dtí comórtais áitiúla lúthchleasaíochta Chill Mhantáin le dhá bhliain anuas.. Tháinig na páistí abhaile le 21 bonn agus corn, éacht mór don scoil.

The boys won the All-Ireland 5-a-side soccer in the A competition in the Aviva.
Our senior girls won the Division 1 camogie and Gaelic football Wicklow leagues last year and they went on to win the Division 1 Gaelic football title again this year.
We had a panel of 30 selected to represent the school at the Wicklow athletics finals the past 2 years and the children came home with 21 medals & trophies.

"Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí"

An Gairdín

Tá deis ag ár ndaltaí bláthanna, glasraí agus torthaí a chur i ngairdín na scoile, chomh maith le aire a thabhairt do na péisteanna sa phiastlann. Fuair muid duais sa chomórtas "Edible Bray" anuraidh.

Students have the opportunity to plant flowers, vegetables, and fruit in our school garden as well as looking after the worms in our wormery. We won a prize in the Edible Bray competition.

Clár na Réalta Goirme

Ghlac na ranganna páirt i gClár na Réalta Goirme i mbliana.
Our classes participated in the blue star programme this year.

Ceol

Ghlac ár gcór scoile páirt sa "Peace Proms" san RDS i mbliana.
Múinimid an fheadóg stáin do Rang 1 ar aghaidh.

Our school choir participated in Peace proms in the RDS this year. We also start teaching the children the tin whistle in 1st class.

An Scata Cruthaitheach

Ghlac ár scoil páirt sa chlár Creative Clusters le dhá bhliain anuas. Rinneamar go leor gníomhaíochtaí éagsúla ar nós cniotáil, priontáil, beochan, damhsa agus go leor rudaí eile.
The school has participated in the creative clusters the past 2 years. We have undertaken numerous activities such as knitting, printing, animating, dancing and lots of other fun activities.

AN SCOIL

Gaeilge

I nGaelscoil Uí Chéadaigh, tá an Ghaeilge i gcroílár gach rud a dhéanaimid. Ón gcéad lá, bíonn na páistí tumtha sa teanga trí amhráin, scéalta, cluichí agus gníomhaíochtaí laethúla sa seomra ranga.
Tugtar spreagadh freisin sa Ghaeilge trí imeachtaí spraíúla cosúil le tráth na gceist, céilí, drámaíocht agus CLG. Beidh ranganna Gaeilge á sholáthar againn freisin do thuismitheoirí na scoile.

In Gaelscoil Uí Chéadaigh, Irish is at the core of everything we do. From the very first day, children are immersed in the Irish language through songs, stories, games, and everyday classroom activities.
Our school also encourages the use of the Irish language through fun events such as quizzes, céilís, drama and GAA.
We will also be providing Irish classes for parents in the school.

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Ghlac Rang a hAon páirt i gComórtas na Scoildrámaíochta, leis an dráma "An Bhanríon Chliste". Bhuaigh siad dramaíocht Cill Mhantáin.

Rang a 1 participated in Cumann na Scoildrámaíochta, performing the play "An Bhanríon Chliste". They won the Wicklow competition.

School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

We had an energetic end to the school year with our Active Week, Sports Day, school trips and PTA organised events. Everyone was excited about the Summer holidays. We had two excellent end of term services, one specifically for 6th Class held in Rathmichael Church and one in the School Hall on the last day of term. It was lovely to witness the bond between the 6th Class pupils at their Service and to see how the children have grown up and matured and are now ready to move on to secondary school. They leave the school with amazing memories of their time in Rathmichael. It was wonderful to have so many parents with us for the Service on the last day – the children performed beautifully and made it such a memorable occasion.

As always our Active Week was full of energy and fun. There were a whole range of activities – Active Sports, Stretch and Grow classes, Cricket, Basketball, Circuits, Gymnastics, Dance classes, Baseball, GAA, Table Tennis and an Obstacle Course. Everyone really enjoyed getting involved. Thanks to 5th and 6th Class pupils for helping get the school going on Wednesday and Thursday mornings with exercises. We also had our annual parents versus 6th Class hockey match, with 6th Class taking the honours.

On 9th June, as part of our build up to Sports' Day, children took part in activities, working in teams (from 6th Class to Junior Infants). The children all enjoyed working together. These activities highlighted teamwork, positive attitude and inclusiveness, three vital elements that we strive for in Rathmichael, while earning points for their teams.

Our Sport's Day on 13th June was a huge success. It was fantastic to be able to have all the parents, grandparents and past pupils with us for the day. Thanks to the parents/ past pupils who helped on the day and especially to the PTA and their band of volunteers who provided food and refreshments throughout the event. Well done to all the pupils who took part and congratulations to all the winners. Throwing and Jumping events were added this year to enhance the additions to last year's Sports Day. These activities focused on teamwork, enabling the children to earn points for their colour team and were very well received, bringing a different perspective to the day. The Open Day aspect also added to the occasion.

Huge congratulations to our Football Team who have been involved in multiple competitions this year, narrowly losing their last match in the Inter Primary League, to finish in second place and also finishing runners up in the DLR Primary School Cup, losing in the final to a very strong St Brigid's Boys' Team. However, the highlight of the year was winning the Southside Cup on 20th June, with an excellent win over Monkstown Educate Together N.S. They were presented with the Cup and their medals and the whole school welcomed the team on their arrival back after the match. Many thanks to Coach Eoin for all his hard work and dedication and to all the football squad for supporting each other and for playing their hearts out in every game.

The Community Games Dublin finals took place before the end of term and one of our pupils, Kate, took first place in the Long Throw competition. Well done, Kate. Other pupils who were successful in Community Games activities were Matthew, who won gold in the Under 10 Art competition and Leah who was a medal winner in the Handwriting competition. Congratulations to Matthew and Leah.

Summer Term is never complete without our School Tours and this year was no exception. Classes went to Carlingford Adventure Centre, to Flynn Park, to Dublinia and Viking Splash, Dublin Zoo and to Airfield. The children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I am very grateful to staff and parents who accompanied them on these trips.

Our PTA werealso very active during June, as, besides being involved in Sports Day, they also hosted an Hawaiian Day and our Summer Dance for pupils in our more senior classes. I would like to wish all our 6th Class pupils the very best in their move to secondary school. I am sure they will be back to visit us, particularly on the day of the Parish Fete on 6th September – a date for all our diaries!

Naomi Rousseau
(Principal)

Update from...

Cormac Devlin TD

I hope you all enjoyed the summer and the long evenings. Work in the Dáil is already focused on **Budget 2026**, and I am pushing for a **decent tax package** for workers and families, continued **cost-of-living supports**, and targeted increases in vital public services such as health, education, disability services, and housing.
I've met with many representative groups over the summer, and your feedback is invaluable. If you have ideas or priorities you want raised before the budget is finalised, please do get in touch.

DUBLIN'S NEWEST DART STATION OPENS IN WOODBROOK

Michael Reynolds, Cllr Justin Moylan, Minister Darragh O'Brien, Cormac Devlin TD, Cllr Michael Clark, Woodbrook DART Station

Woodbrook DART Station, Councillors & Cormac Devlin TD

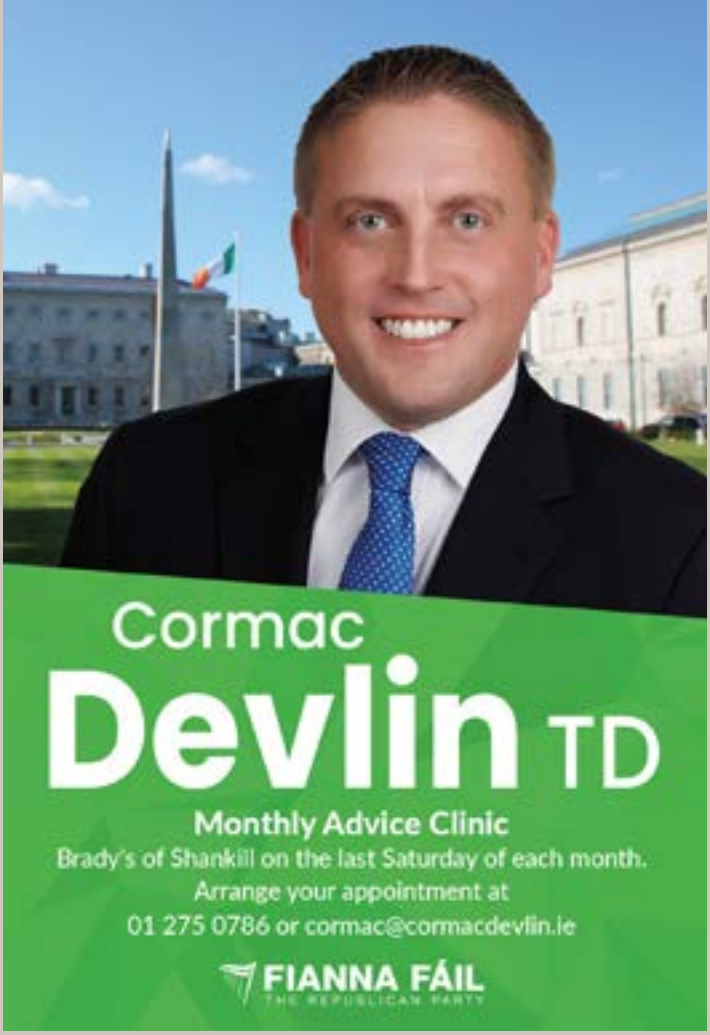
Cathaoirleach & Minister Darragh O'Brien

On 10th August, I was delighted to join Minister Darragh O'Brien to officially open **Woodbrook DART Station**, Dublin's newest stop on the busiest rail corridor in the country. This is the **147th station** in the national rail network, sitting between Shankill and Bray, and it will directly serve the growing communities of Woodbrook and Shanganagh.

The station is built for the future, with two full-length platforms, lifts, a pedestrian bridge, sheltered waiting areas, cycle parking, and planned links for walking and cycling. It's just **40 minutes** to the city centre, with up to **191 DART** services stopping here every weekday.

Crucially, Woodbrook Station is part of a joined-up approach to housing and transport. It will connect residents, including the **597-unit Shanganagh Castle development**, directly to the heart of Dublin. This is exactly the kind of investment we need improving capacity and convenience, reducing car dependency, and boosting the local economy.

As the busiest rail corridor in the State, the DART coastal line facilitated **almost 90,000 passenger journeys daily in 2024**, a 21% increase on the previous year. With new stations like Woodbrook and the forthcoming **DART+ programme**, this vital route will continue to grow in capacity and reliability, making Dublin better connected than ever.



CHILDCARE CHALLENGES

I remain very concerned about the shortage of early learning and childcare places in Shankill and across the constituency. The recent decision by **Once Upon a Time Shankill** to withdraw from Core Funding risks further pressure on families locally.

I have raised this with the Minister for Children and will continue to press for more places, fair funding for providers, and support for parents seeking affordable, high-quality care.

HOT SCHOOL MEALS EXPANSION

The **Hot School Meals Programme** has been expanded to almost every primary school in the country, with a nutrition review underway. This ensures children have access to healthy meals and helps parents manage costs.

LOCAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME

Over **5,400 community projects** nationwide have benefited from the latest Local Enhancement Programme funding. I am working to ensure groups in Shankill and Dún Laoghaire get their fair share of this support. If your group needs assistance, please get in touch.

GARDA RECRUITMENT BOOST

2025 has seen the **largest Garda College** intake since 2019, with 370 new recruits so far. This investment in policing will help strengthen community safety. I will be pressing for an increase in Garda numbers in Blackrock, Dún Laoghaire, and Shankill to account for our increased population.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

My monthly Advice Clinic takes place in **Brady's of Shankill on the last Saturday** of each month (excluding Bank Holidays). Please get in touch with **Michael Reynolds** in my office by calling **01 275 0786** or emailing ***cormac@cormacdevlin.ie*** to make an appointment or if I can assist you in any way.

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A heartfelt thank you goes out to five remarkable young girls from Shankill who have once again demonstrated the power of kindness, community spirit, through a good old-fashioned bake sale! Mary Campbell (14), sisters Eva and Ally O'Neill (13 and 11), Emma Somers (12), and Emer Byrne (13) joined forces for the second year in a row to raise funds for St Joseph's Centre in Shankill, Ireland's largest dementia specific care home.

Through their delicious baked goods and infectious enthusiasm, the girls raised an incredible €785—an amazing achievement that will go directly towards supporting the people who live at and visit the day care club at St Joseph's.

Commenting on the girls achievements, Siobhan Grant, Fundraising manager said:
'These young philanthropists not only showcased their culinary talents but also demonstrated a deep sense of compassion and community. Their efforts help bring joy and connection to the people we care for, reminding us all that age is no barrier to making a meaningful difference. From everyone at St Joseph's, thank you, girls, for your generosity, creativity, and continued support. You are helping us build a community where everyone feels valued, connected, and loved.'

The girls have indicated they will dust off the wooden spoons again next year!!

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ZEBRA CROSSINGS COMING TO SHANKILL
Please find below details of new zebra crossing locations (extract) where works are due to commence shortly. The Works involves the installation of Type B Zebra Crossings at locations where existing raised ramps are in place.

The Contractor will commence these works in Dundrum and then continue to the other locations (extract).

List of locations (extract):

Current features	Proposed Work
Shankill (a) – Lidl/Beechfield	Yellow Tactiles (with Ramp) Replacing Yellow Tactiles with Red, Installation of RS76, 76mm Pole, RUS 066 Sign
Shankill (b) – Costa/ Corbawn Lane	Yellow Tactiles (with Ramp) Replacing Yellow Tactiles with Red, Installation of RS76, 76mm Pole, RUS 066 Sign

Later in 2025, Zebra Crossings will be installed at the following locations:

- Dublin Road entrance/exit to Shanganagh Cemetery and Park
- Quinn's Road just after exiting the DART bridge headed towards the Castle Allotments, the sea, Shankill Bowling Club and Shankill Tennis Club.

HOW TO BE ENERGY SMART AT HOME
'How to be Energy Smart at Home' is a free clinic taking place in County Hall, Dún Laoghaire on Saturday the 27th of September from 11.30am to 1pm to help you to learn how to be energy smart at home and to 'Ask the Experts' your questions. The event brings together energy experts to share a wide range of information from no-cost saving energy tips, understanding energy bills and smart meters to examples of home energy retrofits to reach a high Building Energy Rating (BER).

You will also hear about accessing grants for home energy upgrades, solar panels and how to lower your energy bill. There will also be a demonstration of the UCD Energy Cost Calculator. This is an interactive online tool designed to help users estimate and compare their electricity costs using their own household smart meter data.

Experts will include:

- Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)
- Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU)
- Electric Ireland Superhomes
- Codema - Dublin's Energy Agency
- UCD Energy Cost Calculator

DLR's Energy Team are organising the event as part of Ireland's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week. Booking is required ***https://bit.ly/dlrEnergySmart25***

SHANGANAGH PARK – PHASE 1
Works commenced on site in August and are scheduled to last up to 12 months. I attach the layout plan of the site showing the extent of the works. If you find it difficult to read this plan, please contact me and I will send you a copy.

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PLANNING YOUR HALLOWEEN LOOK: ONE CLEVER THING (PART 1)

by Catriona Giblin

I love Halloween. Always have. My whole year revolves around it - it's the busiest time in my shop. And every year, without fail, Halloween morning rolls around and I'm surrounded by last-minute buyers with no costume, no plan, and no hope of finding anything left in Big Tescos except half a vampire cape and some sad orange tinsel.

If you start thinking now, you can make life much easier down the road. You don't need ten different products or a full sewing kit. Sometimes all it takes is one clever twist or one standout product to bring the whole look together - either for yourself or your kids.

Take Inventory and Play to Your Strengths
Go through your Halloween box, the dress-up bin, the back of the wardrobe or even the pile of old clothes you've been meaning to donate. You might already have the building blocks for something brilliant.

The real trick is to play to your strengths. Being clever is your biggest asset here. If you can't sew a hem to save your life, get some Wundaweb (iron-on hemming tape) and press everything into place - no needle required. If you're not great at makeup, remember that no one is bad at making fake blood drip out of an ear/nose/mouth.

One Product, Many Costumes
Sometimes the easiest way to plan is to pick a single product and let it decide the costume for you:

- **Kryolan Eye Blood** – Turns the whites of your eyes black or red for a few minutes.
  Works for: Wednesday Addams, The Ring girl, vampires, zombies.

- **Tooth Paint** – Paint the corners of a tooth black for a razor-blade grin.
  Works for: gory clowns, vampires, possessed Barbie.

- **Hair Colour Sprays or Creams** – Wash-out colour for big impact. Works much better on hair tied up than down—it gives the product something to grip and helps it last.
  Works for: unicorns, Bratz dolls, punk rockers, Construction Worker Barbie.

- **Glitter** – Mix up any glitters you already have at home with aloe vera gel to make it stick to skin and hair. Keep it away from little kids' eyelids.
  Works for: unicorns, fairies, festival witches, space aliens.

- **Bruise Wheel** – Grease paint in a mix of colours for making realistic bruises. Use your ring finger and tappa tappa the colour on in light layers - don't dig your nails into the product. Mix purples, reds, and yellows for a lovely (gross) healing bruise effect.
  Works for: zombies, accident victims, sports injuries, pirates.

- **Clown White** – A greasepaint for when you want a very white base. Apply with a beauty blender style sponge, then powder to set—once powdered it's waterproof. Alternatively, white water-based face paint dries on its own, is generally cheaper and you can apply it with a brush.
  Works for: clowns, ghosts, skulls.

- **Fake Blood** – One drip can tell a whole story (where and why are they bleeding?).
  Works for: zombie GAA player, vampire, zombie postman.

- **Old Eyeshadows** – Perfect for shading, contouring, and bruises over face paint.
  Works for: vampires, ghosts, anything undead or glam.

- **Black Eyeliner** – A simple pencil liner can do far more than just outline eyes. Use it to draw on face warts, stitches, spider webs, or even quick skull teeth over a white base. Smudge it for shading around eyes or to make hollowed cheeks.
  Works for: witches, scarecrows, skulls, skeleton pirates, cats.

(to be continued in SCAN October issue)

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by Patrick Davey

Solar Meitheal (Group Purchase Scheme)
In June, SAGE ran a meeting attended by about twenty-five people to help us to understand the benefits and the work and costs involved in installing solar panels. The advisory session was followed by an opportunity to speak to potential installers and arrange a site visit and quote. We understand that a number of participants are now moving forward with their own installation project and benefitting from a group discount. We expect that we will run another meeting later in the autumn. Our mentor tells us that the supports available to assist residents will be substantially improved because it is recognised that most of us can feel quite intimidated by the process of deciding precisely what to do and choosing a contractor. The support scheme is being developed at present.

BusConnects
It was reported in the August issue of SCAN that the BusConnects route through Shankill is under judicial review. SAGE is highly supportive of this undertaking. From the process so far, it is clear that those responsible for developing the scheme have been reluctant in the extreme to engage in any meaningful way with the residents of Shankill [from whom around 80% of the objections and observations came]. SAGE's concern is with the serious and unnecessary damage that would be done to biodiversity in Shankill should this scheme proceed according to the current proposals. From a number of years working in overseas development one of the many lessons I learned was the critical importance of working with the local community who must be fully committed and empowered in all decision making. Every time that was not the case the project failed. NTA and others take note.

Data Centres Again
Data Centres, as we know, consume enormous amounts of energy and water and are causing serious pressure on our electrical and water infrastructure. We are not alone. In the US, the companies building these installations, for choice, put the data-farms where the electricity is cheapest. Unfortunately, in some cases, this causes excessive demands on the local water supplies to such an extent that local communities in Georgia are finding that their wells now run dry. (BBC, 10th July 2025).

As far as possible, we should avoid using AI for searches, unless there is a particular need. This is because an AI search can use up to thirty times the energy of a standard search. A recent study has shown that, by tuning the AI to give short answers to questions, the energy use can be reduced by 70%. This is particularly important because, although the main IT companies had been reducing their carbon footprints quite effectively, this has now gone into reverse and their footprints are increasing again due to the roll out of AI. (New York Times 5th August 2025). CNN on June 25th suggested that if you do use AI for searches then do not be polite!! If you are polite the answers will be polite and longer than necessary, all of which uses significantly more energy and water. We really are in a time when we need, always, to think about our energy use and its impact on this planet we inhabit.

Light Pollution
For all of us who live anywhere near a city we never experience truly dark nights as there is always a glow from the city. Perhaps, especially so, now that the atmosphere is carrying more water vapour due to our warming world. For us as individuals it is a shame that we can never see a real black starry sky. But for other creatures it may be much more serious. It has been known for some years that on certain beaches in Florida where turtles lay their eggs the hatchlings head inland rather than towards the ocean where they will die because the brightest horizon at night is not the moon over the sea but human lighting systems 10 miles or more inland. Likewise here, our street lights and security lights fool many of our garden birds into thinking it is daytime so they continue to sing to mark their territories rather than sleeping and can become so weak that they are unable to breed properly. Fortunately, we do now have planning laws in place to ensure that estate lights direct their light to where it is needed and away from hedges and trees. This is now an issue that features significantly in planning decisions. You may have noticed that the design of public lighting has changed over the last number of years to direct the light downwards but the very white light that is produced by LED public systems is a further complication as it increases the likelihood that it will be mistaken for daylight. It may be possible to mitigate this effect by changing the spectrum produced by the LED mix.

School pickups
As we move back into termtime routines just a reminder to turn off car engines while waiting for children. Being smaller than adults they breathe more of the toxins produced by the exhaust. Also it is not a kindness to the engine to allow it to idle for long periods besides being a waste of fuel. Even on a cold day a sweater is all that is needed to keep warm if the wait is prolonged.

Editor's note: Re BusConnects - A series of information meetings including Q & A sessions were held in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan in the initial stages of the BusConnects project. The meetings were open to both individuals and local groups. Subsequently, according to our understanding, the NTA also had some meetings with a smaller group from Shankill residents who again raised local concerns about the project.

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Minister for Health and National Lottery CEO Visit Shankill Day Care Centre to Celebrate County Finalist Honour

Shankill Day Care Centre was delighted to welcome a very special visit recently, as the Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, and the CEO of the National Lottery, Cian Murphy, joined us to celebrate our recognition as county finalists in the 2025 National Lottery Good Causes Awards. The visit marked a moment of pride and joy for everyone involved in the centre; staff, volunteers, service users, and supporters alike. It was a heartwarming afternoon filled with smiles, stories, and a shared appreciation for the vital work being done every day at the centre.

Minister Carroll MacNeill expressed her admiration for the centre's continued commitment to supporting older people in the Shankill area, saying that "places like this are the beating heart of our communities, providing not just services but a deep sense of belonging and care." Her words struck a chord with all present, affirming the importance of community-based elder care.

Cian Murphy, CEO of the National Lottery, also spoke warmly about the impact of Shankill Day Care Centre. He praised the team for their dedication and compassion and congratulated the centre on being recognised among Ireland's best community projects. "The work you do is exactly what the Good Causes Awards are about, people looking after people, lifting each other up, and creating a better Ireland."

The celebration was made even more special by the presence of TD Cormac Devlin, An Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Jim Gildea, and local councillors Jacqueline Burke and Carrie Smyth, who joined in showing their support for the centre and its work.

There was a wonderful community atmosphere throughout the day. Guests mingled with service users, staff, and volunteers, shared cups of tea and freshly baked treats, and enjoyed lively conversation and music. It was a time to reflect not only on the achievements of the centre but also on the power of collective support and goodwill.

This visit reaffirmed what we at Shankill Day Care Centre know to be true: when communities, leaders and organisations come together great things happen. Being named a county finalist is an incredible honour, but it is the continued recognition and encouragement from all corners that truly lifts and motivates us. As we look ahead, we remain deeply committed to our mission of supporting older people with dignity, care, and connection. We are grateful to the National Lottery, our public representatives, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, the HSE, and every supporter who walks with us on this journey.

Together, we are making Shankill not just a place to live, but a place to feel truly at home.

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PLANNING NOTICES

compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we believe our readers would like to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you need further information, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D25A/0542/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 08/07/2025
John Maybury, The Poplars, Quinn's Road, Shankill, D18P6P0
Amendments sought to the permitted residential development on the site (D25A/0004) as follows: Removal of 2 X 3 storey 3 bed townhouse Type 01 units (T01-01 and T01-02) and their replacement with 2 X 2 storey 2 bed townhouse Type 01A units and all associated site works and the provision of services above and below ground associated with the amendments to the parent permission (D25A/0004) on an overall site of c.0.43ha (Net developable site area of 0.40ha excluding biodiversity zone).

D25A/0568/WEB Seeking Permission for Retention Date: 17/07/2025
Knockfodda Enterprises Ltd, Brady's Of Shankill, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18E1W0
Permission for Retention of pergola and planter boxes as constructed and permission to vary Condition No. 2 of planning permission Register Reference D24A/0039 (An Bord Pleanala Reference ABP-321139-24) The development consists of/will consist of; 1. Retention of planter boxes and pergola with retractable roof and timber screening to external seating area as constructed to the southern side of the existing public house. 2. Permission to vary Condition No. 2 of Planning Register Reference No. D24A/0039 (An Bord Pleanala Reference ABP-321139-24), to permit a revised minimum pedestrian footpath width of 1.69 metres along Stonebridge Close adjacent to the planter boxes and pergola, in lieu of the condition requirement for a minimum width of 2.2 metres.

D25A/0606/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 31/07/2025
Maplepond Limited, On lands located at Saint Annes, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18H9V3 (A Protected Structure)
Amendments sought to the permitted residential development Reg. Ref. D23A/0806, which contains an existing residential dwelling known as Saint Anne's (A Protected Structure) as follows:
a) Reconfiguration of Block C to provide a change from the permitted unit mix of 2-bed and 3-bed units, providing an overall increase of 12 no. residential units to now provide for a total of 28 no. 1 bed units within Block C from the previously permitted 16 no. units, increasing the overall gross floor area of Block C from c. 2065.26 sqm to c.2213.43 sqm.
b) Alterations to the ground floor of Block C comprising: removal of the previously permitted communal store; removal of the previously permitted bike store; repositioning of the stair core and lift area and the provision of 1 no. additional lift; the provision of a communal room, a plant room, a cleaner store, a lobby, and a universal WC.
c) The relocation of the previously permitted bin store from the ground floor core of Block C to the north-western side of Block C, the removal of the previously permitted 10 no. visitor bike spaces to the north-western side of Block C, which are to be replaced with 4 no. visitor bike spaces to the north-western side of the revised communal open space area and 4 no. sheltered and secured bike spaces to the north-eastern area of the communal open space area.
d) An overall decrease in the permitted cargo/bike parking spaces from 62 to 34 no. cargo/bike parking spaces.
e) Modifications to the communal open space area reducing from c.338sqm to c.182sqm and the provision of 2 no. areas of outdoor gym equipment.
f) Increase in the size of the public open space area from c.798sqm to c.1157sqm, re-location of the previously permitted natural playground area from the communal open space area to the south-western area of the site, and 2 no. areas of outdoor gym equipment adjacent to the communal open space area.
g) Overall height to remain as permitted at 3-4 storeys.
h) The remainder of the development permitted under Reg. Ref. D23A/0806 will remain unaltered by way of this planning application and no other works are proposed.

D25B/0428/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 29/07/2025
Aisling Fitzpatrick, 61 Stonebridge Court, Shankill, D18X0K6
Single-storey, flat-roof extension to the side and rear of existing dwelling, including two rooflights and a front-facing window, along with the repositioning of the electricity meter box to the front and side.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D25A/0451/WEB Grant Permission Date: 25/07/2025
Fergal McCann & Karen Murphy, 62 Shrewsbury Road, Shankill, D18XW30
The development will consist of: 1) Demolition of flat roofed single storey garage conversion & kitchen to front, side and rear elevations of existing dwelling, 2) Demolition of flat roofed covered side passage storage area & flat roof out-buildings to rear garden, 3) Modifications to existing elevational treatments to front, side and rear elevations of existing dwelling, 4) Construction of flat roof single storey entrance porch to front elevation of existing dwelling, 5) Construction of two storey dormer roof extension to side elevation of existing dwelling, 6) Construction of part single storey / part two storey flat roofed extension to side and rear elevations, 7) Internal alterations to ground and first floors, 8) Incorporation of deep retrofit energy efficiency measures, 9) Widening of existing vehicular entrance and construction of new entrance piers along with all ancillary and associated site works.

D25A/0461/WEB Grant Permission Date: 30/07/2025
Ignacio Cabeza & Martina Markowicz Ripoll, 17 Corbawn Avenue, Shankill, D18H5T3
A new single storey rear extension, with flat roof and balcony. Partially convert garage and raise the walls and roof of garage. Convert attic to habitable area comprising of 3 bedrooms, bathroom, storage area and study room, with dormer roof, new roof windows to existing roof. New windows to front, side and rear elevations, extend the vehicular entrance to 3.5 metres wide and all associated site works.

D25B/0334/WEB Grant Permission Date: 30/07/2025
Elizabeth Callaghan, Highgrove, 5 Rathmichael Haven, Shankill, D18W827
Permission sought for the demolition of 2 no. single-storey extensions to the south-east and south west elevations. the reconfiguration of the internal layout and a new entrance door to the north-east elevation. The total area of demolition approx 47 sqm. The construction of a 34.5sqm single-storey south east side extension and 32sqm single-storey rear extension to the south west elevation. Work includes landscaping and all supporting works above and below ground.

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APPEALS DECISION BY AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA

D25A/0004/WEB Amend Condition(s) Date: 04/07/2025
Council Decision: Grant permission
John Maybury, The Poplars, Quinns Road, Shankill, D18P6P0
The proposed development comprises the following: Demolition of the existing 1 storey residential dwelling (c.435.9 sq.m) and removal of the existing boundary wall (c. 17 sq.m) along Quinn's Road. Construction of a 1-3 storey residential development comprising 25 no. units arranged in 2 no. terrace blocks on the site. The proposed units include 12 X 3 bed townhouses, 8 X 1 bed apartments, 4 X 3 bed duplex apartments and 1 X 2 bed townhouse. All apartment units and houses are provided with private open space in the form of balconies/ terraces and gardens. Provision of 2 no. site entrance points along Quinn's Road. A proposed pedestrian only entrance point is located at the current site access point for pedestrians/

vehicles, and a new vehicular/ pedestrian access point is provided at the southeastern boundary of the site from Quinn's Road. The development proposes c.616 sq.m of public open space and c. 85 sq.m of communal amenity open space as landscaped areas throughout the site. The proposal includes a biodiversity zone of c. 300 sq.m along the northern site boundary. The proposal includes 17 no. car parking spaces, 39 no. cycle parking spaces (27 no. private, 4 no. communal for duplex units, 2 no. cargo bike spaces for duplex units and 6 no. external visitor spaces), secure bin stores for all units, provision of an ESB kiosk, hard and soft landscaping and all other associated site works and provision of services above and below ground on an overall site area of c. 0.43ha (Net developable site area of 0.40ha excluding biodiversity zone).

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